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Fires presumably started from a freight train on the Boston and Maine tracks burned over an estimated 11 acres of grass and brush land Monday in Bernardston. Six different fires broke out about 11 a.m. and were under control at 12:45 p.m. No serious property damage was reported.

Here in Northfield the department was out at about the same time to take care of a fire which had spread from the town dump.

Both these fires show how dry it is and how careful everyone should be with an outdoor fire. A reminder that anyone wishing to have any kind of an outdoor fire must here in Northfield obtain a permit from the forest fire warden, Howard Williams, tel. 961.





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## NORTHFIELD PHARMACY

### Vehicle Inspection Under Way This Month

This is the month for the periodic inspection of motor vehicles. All cars in Franklin county must bear the blue 1957 inspection sticker before May 1st or face court action, possible suspension of registration and assessment of points.

A total of 20,500 cars and trucks are registered in the county and with a total of 51 inspection stations all drivers should get their inspection stickers as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush.

Special emphasis will be placed on mufflers, with any overly noisy ones eliminated, and on rear windows to ascertain that a clear view is possible. Also inspected will be lights, brakes, horns, windshield and windshield wiper, steering gear and license plates.

The inspection system is the best means of accident prevention with the discovery of minor defects before they become an accident factor.

### Franklin League Officials Set 1956 Baseball Schedule This Week

The six-team Franklin League will launch its baseball schedule April 26 with a Powers at New Salem game.

Final schedule arrangements were completed at a recent league meeting at the Community Y in Greenfield. All games will start no later than 3:30.

Attending the meeting were Principal George Leonard and Coach Ray Buell of Northfield High; Principal-Coach Bob Jackman of Charlemont; Coach John Callahan of Powers; Coach Earl Tonet of Williamsburg; Coach Curtis Kimball of New Salem Academy, and Principal Joseph Joyce and Coach Arthur Perrone of Sanderson.

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MAY 3  
Powers at Charlemont  
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Charlemont at New Salem  
Powers at Sanderson

MAY 10  
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Sanderson at Williamsburg  
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MAY 14  
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MAY 21  
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New Salem at Sanderson  
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Williamsburg at Charlemont  
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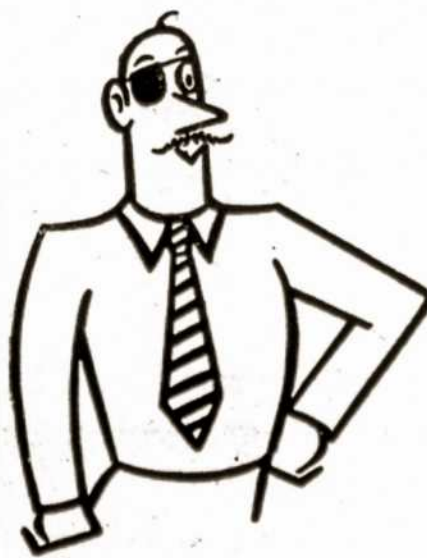
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JUNE 4  
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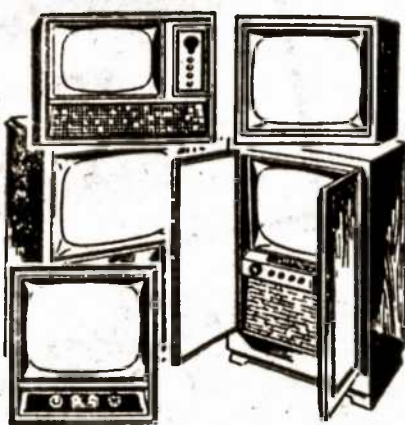
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## Get That Fire Permit!

Fires presumably started from a freight train on the Boston and Maine tracks burned over an estimated 11 acres of grass and brush land Monday in Bernardston. Six different fires broke out about 11 a.m. and were under control at 12:45 p.m. No serious property damage was reported.

Here in Northfield the department was out at about the same time to take care of a fire which had spread from the town dump.

Both these fires show how dry it is and how careful everyone should be with an outdoor fire. A reminder that anyone wishing to have any kind of an outdoor fire must here in Northfield obtain a permit from the forest fire warden, Howard Williams, tel. 961.





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## Letters to the Editor

P. O. Box 698, Dunedin, Fla.  
April 10, 1957

Editor, The Northfield Press:

From a taxpayer's point of view it was a great pleasure to read in your issue of March 29th the article "Town Featured in City Paper."

The article was interesting and rather intriguing. It was certainly nice of the *Boston Globe* to put in "a pitch" for the old Town, which in late years seems to have run down a bit in the heels.

You quote the said article as follows:

"The largest single taxpayer in the town is the Northfield School for Girls, which, ironically pays 20% of the tax revenue, although it could claim complete exemption because it is a non-profit educational institution."

This statement of, course, does not hold water. If you will refer to the 1955 volume of "Valuation and Taxes," which is the latest copy I have on hand, you will note opposite page 62, under the heading "Exempt Property," "Northfield Schools, value land and buildings, \$1,801,797." This figure represents the value of the schools' properties on which they legally and fairly claim tax exemption representing property directly and fully used for educational purposes. This figure, incidentally, approximates the full value of all other town properties subject to taxation. The two amounts are put in juxtaposition, accidentally or otherwise, perhaps to demonstrate the extent to which the schools do claim exemption.

The 20% referred to by the Boston writer includes town properties which are not directly or completely used for educational purposes and, therefore, come in the same category for tax purposes as any other town property.

I should like to point out, however, that the present town tax structure is out of date and does not distribute the burden of taxation equally, being based as it is on assessment values that are an-

tiquated, inadequate and discriminatory.

This is not the fault of the assessors. They do, and have been doing the best kind of a job with the tool handed them by the town. I refer to the frozen assessed valuations fixed years ago and which have not been brought up to date, apparently through negligence or reluctance on the part of the townspeople to change the status quo.

Buildings which were erected or purchased after the said fixed date have mostly been assessed at current valuations, which in effect has made new comers and new owners bear an unequal burden of taxation.

To illustrate: If you will examine the volume referred to above, you will find that there are 283 homes valued at less than \$1,000! An outstanding example is the home of one of our leading citizens valued at less than \$700 on which, for 1955, he paid less than \$42 tax. As they say in law "Res ipse loquitur."

Yes, there are many taxpayers who, like children, are riding the tax train at half fare, and some like babes in arms, are just about getting a free ride.

Your Boston author also says—"But you won't find town officials or residents singing the blues." All I can say is that guy doesn't live in town. I don't know about the town officials but I do know some residents who are commencing to see "Red" and are wondering when and where this spiral tax bill will end.

In these circumstances it is very gratifying to note that at the instigation of the assessors, Article 60 of the town warrant was approved and resulted in the appointment of a committee of five, headed by Gordon Moody. The report of the committee will be awaited with interest and anxiety by the taxpayers of Northfield.

For information only, and for what it may be worth, may I

## Church Notes

### UNITARIAN

REV. ROBERT S. SLATER, Minister  
Mrs. FRANCIS REED,  
Organist and Choir Director

Worship service with special Easter Sunday sermon and Easter music by the organist and choir at 9:45 a.m. Visitors are always welcome.

School of religious education at 11 a.m. Mrs. Kenneth Miller, supt. Mrs. Herman Miner and Kenneth Miller, assistants. Classes for all ages from 3 to the teens. Worship service.

The young people of the church will meet at the Bernardston Unitarian church at 7 p.m. for films on the two nearby summer camps at Rowe and the Isles of Shoals. Worship, recreation and refreshments will follow. All young people taking part in the youth variety show should be at the Northfield unit church Friday evening for rehearsal (April 26).

### CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

There is to be an Easter sunrise service at the cathedral of the Pines at Ringe, N. H., Sunday morning at 4:45. Chaplain Joseph R. Newton of Cushing academy will officiate.

### NORTHFIELD BAPTIST

PAUL BUBAR, Pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11 a.m.—Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. Young People.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service  
Dial a Prayer any time of day or night, Northfield 2101.

Hinspiration is broadcast Monday through Friday at 10:15 over WHAI.

On Friday, April 26, the annual Hymnspration banquet will be held at The Northfield Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Brook Sanders, professor of communications at the Providence Barrington Bible college, will be the speaker. There will be special music, a girls' trio and a trombonist. For ticket reservations call the Northfield Baptist church, telephone 369, or write Box 118, Northfield.

### GOSPEL SERVICES NO. 3

#### COMMUNITY

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
12:00 m.—Sunday School.  
6:15 p.m.—Young People.

point out that those who have made a professional study of assessments seem to be agreed that the best basis for assessment is the market value. The \$64,000 question then arises: "What is the market value?"

Our authorities state market value as follows: "What a property would bring in sale from a willing seller to a willing buyer." To amplify somewhat: The price at which one who wishes to buy, but is not compelled to buy, would pay to a seller willing, but not compelled, to sell."

These definitions may shed some light on the problem with which the committee of five will have to struggle.

Would it be feasible for the committee, under confidential cover, to request each taxpayer to submit a valuation on his or her property in the light of the above definitions and, after checking the replies, to eliminate those that are obviously out of line, then accept the remaining figures as a basis for current assessment either at full value or a percentage thereof, it being understood that such figures are accepted on a current basis only and subject to yearly revision as circumstances may warrant.

At any rate, let it be said, we are grateful to our assessors for having become cognizant of a thorny problem and having shown a proper sense of duty in referring the same for public consideration.

Very truly yours,

J. Austin Daly  
Summer home—55 Highland Ave.,  
East Northfield, Mass.

Editor's Note: We welcome the comments of Mr. Daly, who was formerly with the foreign department of the Chase National bank. It is to be expected that there are other viewpoints and we will be glad to publish such signed comment as our readers may care to send The Press.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.

The guest speaker for Sunday morning and evening services will be William Duncan of Greenfield. Choir rehearsal is held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock followed by Sing and Bring club at 3:30. Friday evening a prayer and Bible study meeting is held at 7:30.

At 12 o'clock on Easter Sunday the Sunday school will present a special Easter program.

Saturdays from 10:05 to 10:30 a.m. is Sing and Bring club time on radio station WHAI.

On next week Thursday, April 25, the group will go to the Springfield Gospel Mission to assist with the service.

### ST. PATRICK'S

REV. HENRY McKEON, Pastor  
Rev. ANTHONY RZASSA, Curate

10:30—Mass.  
Stations of the Cross are being held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, Friday afternoon, April 19.

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor

10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service.  
The subject for the special Easter morning sermon will be "The Good News."

About 10 young people will be baptised at the 7:30 Sunday evening service.

On Wednesday evening the first of a series of four consecutive Wednesday evening meetings will be held for Sunday school parents and teachers on child psychology from the Christian point of view using the film slides, "Know Your Child." Supper will be served at 6:30. Any parents needing a baby sitter or transportation or both may call Mr. Moore or Charles White.

A mid-week prayer meeting is held Thursday evenings at 7:45.

### TRINITARIAN

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister

Mrs. F. H. Mosse,

Director of Christian Education

IRVING J. LAWRENCE,

Choir Director

Mrs. Belle C. Marden, Organist

9:45 a.m.—Easter programs in the church school.

11:00 a.m.—Easter flowers, music by two choirs and sermon, "My Easter Faith." Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls.

6:00 p.m.—Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People meeting for an Easter egg hunt, refreshments, games and a devotional service led by Gail Livermore.

A potluck supper will be served the 20-40 Couples club in the vestry on Monday at 7:15. Committee: Eugene and Gloria Gancarz, Gordon and Linda Leavis, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves. McMurdo Base pictures presented by John Randall and square dances called by Clinton Weymouth.

The annual spring meeting of Franklin County Congregational Church Women will be held in the Second church, Greenfield, on Wednesday. Sessions at 10:30 and 1:45. Luncheon at 12:30. Mrs. Tyhrd F. Bjorn, author of the best seller, "Papa's Wife," the morning speaker and Mrs. Naomi

Ekdahl in the afternoon.

A meeting of the Women's Guild will be held in the vestry on Thursday at 7:45 p.m. Program planned by the committee on social action. The Reverend Robert Sandercock to speak.

The young people will have "A Work Day for Christ" on Saturday, April 27. Phone Judy Holbrook or Shirley Kelley for a worker.

Men are requested to buy their tickets soon for the turkey supper to be served before the meeting of Franklin County Church Brotherhoods to be held in the Turners Falls Congregational church on Monday, April 29.

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

in the Trinitarian Congregational Church, Northfield

Sunday, April 21, 11:00 a.m.

Organ Prelude  
Call to Worship by the Minister  
Hymn of Joy—No. 134, "Triumphant Gladness"

Invocation and the Lord's Prayer  
Anthem (both choirs) "The Easter Hallelujah" Lorenz

Our Declaration of Faith (in unison)  
Youth Choir Anthem—"Fairest Lord Jesus" Willis

Christening of James Michael Perez

Hymn No. 130, "Christ the Lord Is Risen"

Scripture Lesson—Luke 24: 13-27  
Call to Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Anthem—"Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp

The Doxology  
Sermon—My Easter Faith  
Hymn—No. 141, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Benediction  
Recessional, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Organ Postlude

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### CROSSTOWN

By Roland Coe



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Illustrated by Roland Coe

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he does be counted as a good deed?"



## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Murray of South Vernon at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital on April 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kirmman spent their vacation in Florida. On the drive down they visited three Hermon friends in Asheville, N. C., the Louis Smiths and Miss Anna Miller, and on their return trip visited with friends in Washington, D. C., whom they had known the year they spent in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, summer residents, will sail on the S.S. Independence via the Mediterranean for a two months' stay in Europe. They will attend the Rotary International convention in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck who have been studying at Hartford Theological Seminary this past year will return to Ostuncalco, Guatemala, May 2. They expect to reach Guatemala City in time for the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the founding of the Presbyterian Mission work there. The Pecks have been missionaries in Guatemala for 35 years.

Eddie Kirwan has left the Franklin County hospital and has returned to the Northfield hotel.

Correction: April 27 is the date chosen for the young people of the Congregational church to indoor and outdoor work as "The Lord's Workers," the money from their efforts going to charitable organizations.

A testimonial dinner is to be given for Milford Atwood on April 26 in Gill as he completes his 11 years of 4-H club work and now becomes assistant editor of The New England Homestead magazine in Springfield.

Seventeen guests attended the stork shower for Mrs. Courtland Dunklee at the home of Mrs. Warren Dunklee.

While Mrs. Wilcox was visiting her mother, Mrs. Jennie Blossom, at the Vernon Home, her son, Elmer Wilcox, and a niece, Jean Towle, of Earlham college, Richmond, Ind., came to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody spent Tuesday night here before leaving on Wednesday to visit the William Chalfonts of Long Island where Mr. Moody will convalesce from a recent major operation.

Lt. and Mrs. Reynold Henry and son, Larry, of New Bedford spent the weekend with her parents, the Harrison Stacys. Virginia Stacy went home with them for a visit during the public school vacation this week.

Miss Florence Durgin has been a guest of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Russell Durgin. Russell Durgin, Jr., will come from York, Penn., to spend Easter with his mother.

Miss Florence Colby has returned to the Northfield hotel where she makes her home and has charge of the musical entertainment. She has been in the Franklin County hospital.

Helen Peck Moore, a summer resident for many years, has written a biography, "William Jay Peck, a Shepherd's Heart." Dr. Peck was pastor for 40 years of the Union Evangelical church at Corona, L. I. The introduction was written by Dr. John C. Raucher, "one of Pastor Peck's boys," who became a strong and influential minister in the Dutch Reform church. Books may be ordered direct from Mrs. Helen Moore, 307 Pleasant Valley Avenue, Moorestown, N. J.

The following classes are already planning to hold reunions at the Northfield School for Girls the weekend of May 10-12: 1895-

1898, 1907, 1914-1917, 1932-1936, 1952-1956.

F. A. Caron and his brother, Alfred Caron, went to Montreal when their uncle, Eugene Caron, died.

Mrs. Frederick Chapin has returned to her home on East street after several weeks in the Brattleboro hospital.

Mrs. Jean McEwan Parker returned home from the weekend from Newport where she is employed in the city hospital while her husband is in the navy. Lt. J. G. Parker is in Florida now.

The Howes of Vergennes, Vt., and their five children were guests of her parents, the Keevers, on Bolton Road last weekend.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Granger will visit their daughter's family for Easter, the William Abbots, in New Jersey and bring home with them their granddaughter for a week's visit.

Mrs. Caroline Malbon has left the Franklin County hospital and has gone to Hillside, a nursing home run by Dr. and Mrs. Collins in South Deerfield. Mrs. Pearl Welsh, mother of Mrs. Donald Snow, is also at Hillside.

Northfield Grange will meet Tuesday evening, April 23, and will be entertained by a group from WHAT, radio station in Orange. The business meeting will open at 8 o'clock.

The monthly Cub Pack meeting for Northfield cubs, leaders and parents is scheduled to be held at the town hall Friday evening, April 26. The theme for the evening will be Robinson Crusoe. On Saturday afternoon, April 27, the kite flying contest will be held in the hotel field off Birnam Rd.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at one o'clock for luncheon at the home of Mrs. Constantine George on Warwick Ave. Mrs. Arthur Green, group president, will speak on a subject relating to temperance.

Attend Church Every Sunday

### Officers Are Elected By Afternoon Alliance Of Unitarian Church

The members of the Afternoon Alliance of the Unitarian church met Thursday for their annual luncheon and business meeting.

Ladies of the church not members of the group served the luncheon.

Mrs. Oler Doolittle, president, was in charge of the business meeting. Annual reports were given by the secretary, Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney. Miss Eldena Pratt gave the treasurer's report for Mrs. Frank Williams who was not able to be present.

Mrs. Charles Neal reported for the nominating committee, other members being Mrs. Joseph G. Morgan and Mrs. Myron H. Dwight.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Mrs. Oler Doolittle; vice president, Mrs. Carroll Miller; secretary, Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney; treasurer, Miss Mary Eldena Pratt; sewing committee, Mrs. Charles Leach, Mrs. Fred Irish, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Mabelle Harriman, Miss Mary Eldena Pratt, Mrs. Clarence H. Spaulding and Mrs. Edward M. Morgan.

Program committee, Mrs. Oler D. Doolittle, Mrs. Charles Neal, Mrs. William Russell, Mrs. Robert Barry and Mrs. Thomas H. Parker; social service committee, Mrs. Charles Slate, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. Joseph W. Field, Mrs. Myron M. Dwight; flower committee, Mrs. Harold F. Bigelow, Mrs. Myron H. Dwight, Mrs. Charles Slate; extension committee, Mrs. Thomas H. Parker, Mrs. Joseph G. Morgan; service committee, Mrs. Oler Doolittle, Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney.

Miss Mary Eldena Pratt was elected delegate from the Alliance to the annual May meetings in Boston.

A special vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to Mrs.

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Frank W. Williams who had served as treasurer of the group for 30 years. Miss Pratt succeeds her in that office.

### Pilgrim Fellowship

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational church met Sunday evening with 25 present. Diane Leach led devotions and Rev. Joseph W. Reeves spoke on "The Events of Holy Week." Judy Holbrook presented Miss Marian Allen a box of chocolates as a "thank you" gift in appreciation of her help in chaperoning the group on their New York trip. Next week Sunday the young people will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and will have an egg hunt and games.—Shirley Kelley, secretary.

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# A Historical Sketch Of 'Old' Northfield

(Editor's note: This is the second of a series of historical sketches of Northfield and nearby areas, which will appear as space permits in The Press.)

## The Second Settlement

After seven years, in 1682, steps were taken to resettle the town, and a petition was presented to the General Court, who appointed a new committee to oversee the settlement. In 1683 rules for the settlement were agreed upon, and in 1684 streets were laid out, and perhaps some crops planted. In the spring of 1685 twenty families arrived. Additional land was granted on the south, extending the boundary to Four Mile brook. The lands were apportioned to the settlers, such apportionment extending beyond the mouth of the Ashuelot River, thus including portions of the present towns of Hinsdale and Winchester, New Hampshire, and Vermon, Vermont.

The first town meeting was held March 18, 1686. A second fort was built on the Pentecost Place, now known as Spring Missionary Colony, and a well dug which still remains. The site of the fort is now indiminated by a marker.

In 1687 another purchase was made from the Indians, "in consideration of the sum of forty-five

pounds in trade."

In 1688, as property seemed within their grasp, the settlers were again subjected to Indian attacks and savage atrocities.

This was in part at least because the enmities between France and England were transferred to their colonies, the Indians being incited to this attack by the French.

Northfield was the most northern town in this valley, and so was the outpost most exposed to attack. Hopeless of successful defense, the county court ordered the settlers on June 25, 1690, "to transport their corn and live stock to Springfield within six to eight days." This ended the second attempt at settlement.

## The Third Settlement

Not until peace came between the mother countries did the permanent settlement of Northfield occur. Thus an interim of twenty-four years passed. In 1714 the general court for the third time granted permission for the settlement, named the town "Northfield," and fixed certain conditions to be fulfilled by this town in "Hampshire County," Franklin county not being organized until nearly one hundred years later.

About twenty men came forward either in their own right, or in a right by inheritance or purchase, to become settlers, and in the next few years the old landmarks were re-established, the highways relaid, and a minister, Rev. James Whitmore, fresh from

Yale College, was engaged at a salary of "twenty-five pounds, a house and subsistence for himself and a horse."

On March 17, 1717, the settlers first elected town officers, subject to the approval of the committee appointed by the general court to oversee the settlement of the town. Rev. Benjamin Doolittle was engaged as minister, the contract with Mr. Whitmore having expired, and in the year following a church was built and he was called to be the pastor. The people agreed to give him "for his encouragement" a house, fifty acres of meadow and swamp land, ten acres of pasture land, one hundred pounds in money, payable within three years, and fifty-five pounds annually for the first five years, and seventy-five pounds thereafter, and a yearly supply of wood.

The Rev. Benjamin Doolittle was also a regularly educated physician, and, as time passed, his medical work interfered somewhat with his ministerial duties.

On April 11, 1722, the townspeople voted farms of equal size, about 700 acres in all, to the three members of the committee as compensation for their services in settling the town. These farms have since been called "Northfield Farms."

A survey of the town made at this time fixed the following boundaries: on the east side of the Connecticut, twelve miles north from Four Mile brook. On the west side, eight miles from the west side, eight miles north from Bennett's Brook. These boundaries included considerable portions of what are now Gill, Mass.; Vernon, Vt.; and Winchester and Hinsdale, N. H. This survey was confirmed by the general court on June 21, 1733, after considerable hesitation.

On June 15, 1723, the "general assembly for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, held at Boston," granted the petition of the proprietors and inhabitants of Northfield for the incorporation of their town, and the committee which had managed it hitherto under appointment by the general court was discharged.

While the trials of the early settlers and their dangers from Indian attack were not removed, never after this was the town in danger of being abandoned. And when, in 1724, Fort Dummer was erected in the southern part of what is now Brattleboro, Northfield was no longer subject to direct attack by the Indians. For fifty years she had stood on the northern border with only enemies in the vast region to the north reaching to Canada.

## Later History

The purpose of this sketch is to give an outline of the settlements of Northfield only. Her growth during the one hundred and fifty years after incorporation followed the lines taken by other rural towns where agricultural interests predominate.

The first fifty years were stirring, dramatic, tragic. They abounded in all that makes history appealing and men heroic. The adventure into the wilderness, the struggle with natural conditions, the fight with savages, the constant fear of attack, the incessant need for caution and preparation for defense—all these conditions were present, and played their part in the development of character among the early settlers and their descendants. But these conditions were present in other towns, and played the same part in them. In this Northfield was not distinctive. It is the last fifty years that have made Northfield noted. Her early sons were heroic, as all pioneers must be, and they contributed their quota to the story of self-sacrifice by which the land was won, and, like others of similar heroism, they have lost much of their individuality, like common soldiers on the battlefield who do their duty, make their sacrifices, and pass on.

## Mr. D. L. Moody

The last fifty years have, through her greatest son, made Northfield known throughout the world as few, if any, small towns in this country are known. Through him a contribution has been made to the world, not alone

by his personality and his preaching, but by the enduring institutions he founded.

They still speak for him, and those to whom they are committed continue the great work that he conceived and inaugurated.

## The Significant Colonial History of Northfield

By Frank L. Duley

The town of Northfield, Mass., was for almost seventy years the outpost of the Puritan colonists of western and northern New England, exposed to the full brunt of Indian attacks, which were so severe that twice the settlers of Northfield were forced to abandon their new homes and take refuge down the Connecticut Valley. Settled first in 1673, the town was re-settled in 1682 and 1714.

A study of the dates of settlement of the first towns to be settled in the Connecticut Valley has great interest for one, particularly in the long lapse of time between the settlement of Northfield and its first neighbor on the north, Charlestown, N. H.

Following are given the dates of settlement:

1633—Hartford, Conn.  
1633—Windsor, Conn.  
1634—Wethersfield, Conn.

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## Engagement Is Told

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Krusiewski of Winchester have announced the engagement of their daughter, Josephine Theresa Ann, to Leo Campbell of Boston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Campbell of Boston.

Miss Krusiewski is a graduate of Thayer High School and of Massachusetts School of Physiotherapy, Boston, and is employed in the clinic of the Employers Liability Insurance Co. of Boston.

Campbell is a graduate of Boston College and a veteran of World War II. He is employed at the Service Bureau Corp., Boston.

## Property Sales

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A. Walker to Mr. and Mrs. Warner H. Smith, premises east side Millers Falls Road.

Gladys H. Carpenter to Fred J. Stone, land and buildings northwest corner St. Mary's Street and Turnpike Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Fisher to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Clough, property south side Pine Meadow Road.

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## Sports Instructor, Coach Named by Regional

The Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee announced the appointment of William S. Messer of Wallingford, Vt., as physical education instructor and coach of boys' athletics. Mr. Messer is a graduate of Powers Institute, Springfield College with a B.S. degree, in June, 1950, and has taken graduate study at University of Vermont. Mr. Messer played football, basketball, and track at Springfield. He served in the United States Navy, 1942-1946, and was discharged as Boatswain Mate First Class.

While at Wallingford High School, he coached basketball, baseball, and soccer. Wallingford high school basketball team, under his direction, was state champion, Class C in 1954, and again in 1957. They were runner-up in 1953. In the Marble Valley League, Wallingford was league champion in 1954, and took second place in 1957.

Mr. Messer was Camp Counselor at the Greenfield Y.M.C.A. summer camp. He was selected by the coaches of the State of Vermont to represent the coaches on the Headmasters' Athletic Reclassification Committee.

neighbor in Charlestown, settled in 1740, and that over a quarter of a century after her third and permanent settlement. Why such a long lapse of time? The answer is found in the activities of King Philip and events connected with King William's War, the American area of the War of the League of Augsburg, fought by France against England, Holland, Austria and Spain, and ended by the Treaty of Ryswick, 1697; also in events connected with Queen Anne's War, the American area of the War of the Spanish Succession, fought by France, Bavaria and Spain against England, Holland, Portugal, Austria, Prussia and Savoy, and ended by the Treaty of Utrecht, 1713.

(To be continued next week)

## Guest Preachers

Guest preacher at the Easter Sunday service in Russell Sage chapel at 11 a.m. at Northfield School for Girls will be the Rev. G. William Webber, former dean of students at Union Theological seminary and at present a member of the group ministry in the East Harlem Protestant parish. Mr. Webber was one of the four young theological students who founded this parish on the East Side of New York City and has recently moved there to devote full time to this work.

The preacher at the 10:30 Easter service at Mount Hermon Memorial chapel will be the Rev. George P. Hedley, chaplain, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

## Border League Gives Schedule

The final schedule in the history of the Border league has been announced.

The circuit, made up of Northfield high, Powers Institute, Thayer of Winchester, N. H., and Hinsdale, N. H., will cease to exist in June.

Reason for the cessation is the impending merger of Powers and Northfield high in the Pioneer Valley Regional school.

The spring slate calls for start of the girls' softball season April 29 with Hinsdale at Powers. The first boys' baseball game will be May 6 with Thayer at Powers.

**Softball**  
April 29, Hinsdale at Powers; 30, Thayer at Northfield; May 2, Powers at Thayer; 9, Northfield at Hinsdale; 13, Powers at Northfield, Hinsdale at Thayer; 16, Thayer at Powers; 23, Hinsdale at Northfield; 29, Northfield at Powers, Thayer at Hinsdale; June 6, Northfield at Thayer, Powers at Hinsdale.

**Baseball**  
May 6, Thayer at Powers; 7, Hinsdale at Northfield; 9, North-

field at Thayer; 14, Powers at Northfield, Thayer at Hinsdale; 17, Thayer at Northfield, Hinsdale at Powers; 20, Powers at Thayer; 21, Northfield at Hinsdale; 28, Northfield at Powers, Hinsdale at Thayer; 31, Powers at Hinsdale.

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## Horseshoe Sched. Is Announced Here

The following schedule has been announced by the Franklin County League of horseshoe contests. Teams in the league are Northfield, Moose of Greenfield, Montague, Rist Tavern, Orange, Shelburne Falls American Legion, Millers Falls and Turners Falls. Leonard Barnes is captain of the local team which plays in the area built by them at the rear of the Unitarian church.

The season will begin April 30.

The schedule:

April 30 — Moose at Rist Tavern, Turners Falls at Shelburne Falls; Orange at Montague, Northfield at Millers Falls; May 7, Shelburne Falls at Moose, Rist at Turners Falls, Millers Falls at Orange, Montague at Northfield; May 14, Rist at Shelburne Falls; Turners Falls at Moose, Northfield at Orange, Montague at Millers Falls; May 20, Orange at Turners Falls, Northfield at Rist, Millers Falls at Shelburne Falls, Moose at Montague; May 21, Shelburne

Falls at Orange, Rist at Montague, Turners Falls at Millers Falls, Northfield at Moose; May 28, Rist at Millers Falls, Shelburne Falls at Northfield, Orange at Moose, Montague at Turners Falls.

June 4, Moose at Millers Falls, Turners Falls at Northfield, Orange at Rist, Montague at Turners Falls; June 11, Rist at Moose, Shelburne Falls at Turners Falls, Montague at Orange, Millers Falls at Northfield; June 18, Moose at Shelburne Falls, Turners Falls at Rist, Orange at Millers Falls, Northfield at Montague; June 24, Shelburne Falls at Rist, Moose at Turners Falls, Orange at Northfield, Millers Falls at Montague; June 25, Turners Falls at Orange, Rist at Northfield, Shelburne Falls at Millers Falls, Montague at Moose.

### Second Half

July 2, Orange at Shelburne Falls, Montague at Rist, Millers Falls at Turners Falls, Moose at Northfield; July 9, Millers Falls at Rist, Northfield at Shelburne Falls, Moose at Orange, Turners Falls at Montague; July 16, Millers Falls at Moose, Northfield at Turners Falls, Rist at Orange, Shelburne Falls at Montague; July 23, Rist at Moose, Turners Falls at Shelburne Falls, Orange at Montague, Northfield at Millers Falls; July 30, Shelburne Falls at Moose, Rist at Turners Falls, Millers Falls at Orange, Montague at Northfield.

Aug. 6, Rist at Shelburne Falls, Turners Falls at Moose, Northfield at Orange, Montague at Millers Falls; Aug. 13, Orange at Turners Falls, Northfield at Rist, Millers Falls at Shelburne Falls, Moose at Montague; Aug. 20, Shelburne Falls at Orange, Rist at Montague, Turners Falls at Millers Falls, Northfield at Moose; Aug. 27, Rist at Millers Falls, Shelburne Falls at Northfield, Orange at Moose, Montague at Turners Falls; Sept. 3, Moose at Millers Falls, Turners Falls at Northfield, Orange at Rist, Montague at Shelburne Falls.

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Spring slips in so gently we almost miss its beginnings. Lilac buds show definite leaves in the



Bloodroot

making. There's a green flush on the grass and in the fields. And the outermost branches of the red maples are brushed with ruddy.

It is a special treat to find the unassuming early saxifrage at home around the edge of rock outcroppings, in crevices and on rocky hillsides. These charming white-flowered plants hug the rocks on which they grow, closely massed together. The flower buds look like little balls of French knots in the center of the rosettes whose flat leaves have a conspicuous midrib and slightly irregular margin. As the season advances the flower stems elongate and the small white flowers are abundant and attractive in loose cymes.

Cock pheasant has caught the prevailing spirit with a challenge in his emphatic crowing. As we walked slowly to get a better look at this handsome bird, we came upon the bloodroot with striking white flowers of spotless beauty — like stars, with yellow centers. The woods were still bleak and bare which made the bloodroot doubly appreciated. Here today and gone tomorrow — the petals shed early, elusive and fugitive. The red-orange juice was used by the Indians in their ceremonial painting. Curious and interesting is the way the curled up leaf spears its way to the surface carefully shielding the flower bud snugly within, protecting it from injury. When a safe height is reached the bud shoots up into a single blossom of delicate beauty exceeding the leaf, which is wrapped around the flower like a beautiful pale green cape. After the flower withers the leaf expands and increases greatly in size.

Perhaps you like to think of the hepatica as the first flower of spring and no doubt it is if you rule out the skunk cabbage. It takes a sharp eye to find it hidden among the purple-brown leaves and debris. The flower buds were formed last year and are all ready to push their way up through the forest floor. The fuzzy flower buds and stalks seem to still be wearing their furs as a winter protection. The old leaves of the liver-wort last through the winter; new green ones come after the flowers have blossomed. Beautiful are the blue, lavender or white enamel looking blossoms against the rusty brown of last

year's 3-lobed leaves. "Gem of the woods" is what Burroughs called the hepatica.

Alder tassels are mirrored in the ponds over which they bend, as if to speak to the marsh marigolds that spread their carpet of gold nearby. These bright-eyed plants sometimes form spectacular displays where a group of them congregate. *Caltha palustris*, the scientific name, means literally cup-of-marsh. *Caltha*—cup, *palus*—marsh. The flowers in branching clusters have no petals; the sunny yellow sepals appearing like petals. Marsh marigold has long been one of the most popular spring greens of New England, an esteemed potherb as early as 1784. And the unopened buds cooked in spiced vinegar are said to make a good substitute for capers.

Each first-found flower is an event and each visit to that particular flower is an occasion, something to be remembered. Let us go out to look for spring flowers but let us leave them there—friends to visit another time—perhaps a little later in the season.

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### Named Associate Prof.

The Rev. C. Gordon Parker of Rustic Ridge, East Northfield, has been appointed associate professor of sociology at Midland college, Fremont, Nebraska, beginning Sept. 1, 1957. At present Dr. Parker is on furlough from his work as a foreign missionary of the Lutheran church in British Guiana.

The Parker daughters, Evangeline and Judith, will be in Northfield with their family over the Easter holidays from their colleges, Wittenburg college in Springfield, Ohio, and Upsala college in East Orange, N. J.

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## News Notes from Northfield Farms

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Mr. and Mrs. George Butynski of Millers Falls Rd. are parents of a daughter, Donna Jean, 8 lbs. 8 1/2 oz., born in Franklin County Hospital Monday, April 15. Grandparents are William Farrell of

Greenfield and Joseph Butynski of Northfield.

Community Club No. 4 met Thursday evening, April 11 for the annual meeting and election of officers. The following officers were elected: Robert Shearer, president; Al Rice, vice-president; Norman Fowler, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Leach, secretary; directors, Chester Sytnik, Mrs. Norman Kimball, Mrs. Robert Shearer, Mrs. Howard Williams, Mrs. Joseph Bartus and Mrs. Al Rice; sunshine committee, Mrs. Norman Fowler. It was voted to change the meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month. A very delicious pot luck supper preceded the meeting. May 8 will be the last meeting until fall.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society will go on their annual banquet Thursday, April 25 at the Gables. Cars will meet at No. 4 Community Club at 7 p.m. If not able to attend please notify Mrs. Laurence Hammond before April 23.

There will be a card party at Community Club No. 4 Wednesday, April 24 at 8 p.m. This is sponsored by the Community Club and the committee is Mrs. Kenneth Leach, Mrs. Howard Williams, Mrs. Robert Shearer and Mrs. Laurence Hammond. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded.

Thirteen cubs of cub scouts Den 2 with the den mothers Mrs. Walter Clark and Mrs. Alden Edson rode to Winchester Tuesday and then hiked to Mt. Gun where the new television station channel 32 is being erected. The exterior of the building for broadcasting is finished. The floors are being laid and electrical equipment installed. The base of the tower is finished. Due to the dry woods the boys carried their lunch. They finished making Easter baskets which will be given to other children. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23 at 3:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lord entertained at a family dinner party Monday evening to celebrate the third birthday of their daughter Betty. Those present were Mr. Edward Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearer and five children and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller.

Miss June Browning is home from her teaching position in Fall River for the Easter holiday.

Den 7 of the Cub Scouts met with their den mother, Mrs. Bernard Hall, assisted by Mrs. James Hanrahan Tuesday. They are gathering twigs and moss to make an island. "Swiss Family Robinson" is the theme for this month. They are working on a skit which will be given at the Pack meeting in the Town Hall on Friday, April 26. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, at 3:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Czernick, Sr., left Friday, April 12, for Flint, Mich., and London, Ontario, Canada, to visit relatives.

## Scouts on Hike

The following Boy Scouts under the leadership of Explorer John Greene hiked from the Scout headquarters in Northfield to their Winchester, N. H., camp on Saturday morning: David Westin, Whit Snow, Roger Reed, Jerry Scott, Duncan Person, Jonathan Mayberry, Stephen Curtis, Ronald Tie and Robert Neipp.

A variety of activities were enjoyed. Qualifications in tracking, plant identification and cooking were made. A cross-country trip to the new television station on Gun Mt. and a softball game climaxed the afternoon. W. W. Sanderson, the troop chairman, also accompanied the boys. They returned on Sunday morning for church.

## Nelson F. Howe, 31, Dies in Winchester

Nelson Frederick Howe, 31, of Winchester, N. H., died April 11 at Westmoreland after a long illness.

He was born in Winchester Oct. 10, 1925, son of Arthur Lorenzo and Hazel (Field) Howe of Winchester. He was a machinist.

He is survived by his father of Ashuelot Rd.; two sons, Robert and Carol, and one daughter, Deborah Ann; three brothers, Philip of Winchester, Stanley of Vernon, Vt., and Arnold of Westover Air Force Base; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Smith of Suffern, N. Y., and Mrs. Lillian Carbouell of Westmoreland.

Services were held here Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Kidder funeral home. Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, pastor of Trinitarian Congregational church, officiated. Interment was in South Parish cemetery, Winchester.

## Matthew F. Smith, 68, Former Resident Here

Matthew F. Smith, 68, of Turners Falls, formerly of Northfield, died Tuesday morning.

Born Sept. 4, 1888, in Amherst, he was a retired caretaker at Northfield School for Girls. He was a former resident of Northfield but had lived in Turners Falls since August.

He leaves his widow, the former Mabel Newton; one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Monroe of Sand Lake, N. Y.; one son, Earl N. Smith of Springfield; six grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Isabelle Fogg of Exeter, N. H.

Services were Thursday at 2 p.m. at the McCarthy Funeral home, Turners Falls. Rev. Stephen R. Tucker of the Congregational church officiated. Burial was in Springfield cemetery.

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# Proposed State Sales Tax Would Net Town \$28,780

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to income), and brings in Massachusetts a new method of apportionment which bases distribution on need, he continued.

Untaxed items would be food, housing, fuel, electricity, children's clothing, recreation, education, travel and transportation, clothing services, personal care

services and medical services.

"While \$35 per child will be paid to the towns, according to the provisions of the proposed law, this need not necessarily be used for school aid," he noted.

Rough estimates indicate that sales taxes paid each year by a family of four on various income levels, if total income were spent, would be: \$3,000 income, \$18; \$4,000, \$31.20; \$5,000, \$51; \$6,000, \$69; \$7,500, \$96.00.

The Massachusetts property tax is the highest in the U. S., said Dr. Gamble; the income tax is fifth highest, and the corporate tax is the highest in the U. S.

"The state has not yet used a sales tax as some 33 of the 48 states have," he said. "It might be wiser for the state to exploit a new source of revenue rather than add additional taxes on income, property, or corporation taxes that would tend to discourage further investment and economic growth in the state."

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## Production Credit Assn. Has Greenfield Office

Casper P. Zimmerman of Leyden was elected a director for three years of the Western Massachusetts Farmers Production Credit Association at a joint annual meeting of the FPCA with Farm Loan Association of Northampton at Belchertown recently.

The FPCA maintains an office in Greenfield, managed by Stanley C. Jekanowski. The NFELA elected two county men as nominating committee members for two years. They are Franklin Field of Montague Center and Edgar Gould of Shelburne.

Resignation of William C. Phelps as secretary-treasurer of both associations was announced. Phelps has accepted a position with the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, effective June 1.

## High School Students Visit the Big Cities

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belongings). Leave for bureau of printing and engraving, archives (Declaration of Independence and Constitution) Federal Bureau of Investigation, national gallery of art; 11:45 a.m., leave Union station via "The Senator" for New York; 4:00 p.m., arrive in New York City at Pennsylvania station. Taxi to Hotel Piccadilly, 227 West 45th St., New York 36, N. Y.; 6:00 p.m., leave for tour of Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Radio City, Telephone Hour broadcast or R.C.A. observation roof, walking; 12:00 p.m., everyone in bed. Lights out.

Tuesday, April 16: 7:00 a.m., everyone up; 8:30 a.m., leave for N.B.C. radio and television tour or subway trip to Chinatown and the Bowery; 9:45 a.m., leave for foot of 42nd St., by taking 42nd St. bus. Three-hour boat trip around Manhattan Island to see New York skyline, waterfront, Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn navy yard, polo grounds, Yankee stadium, George Washington bridge, United Nations, Brooklyn bridge and Grant's tomb; 1:15 p.m., get off boat and take buses to Madison Square Garden for Ringling Brothers' Barnum and Bailey circus; 8:00 p.m., leave for play, "No Time for Sergeants"; 12 p.m., lights out. Everyone in bed.

Wednesday, April 17: 6:30 a.m., everyone up and pack; 8:00 a.m., check out of hotel and taxi to Grand Central station to check luggage for the day. Visit St. Patrick's cathedral. Attend Radio City Music Hall show with the famous precision dancers, "The Rockettes," and Easter show; 2:30 p.m., tour of the United Nations building, walking; 4:30 p.m., everyone gather near the information booth at Grand Central station for return trip home; 10:14 p.m., arrive in East Northfield.

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## Franklin District, Massachusetts Fellowship of Congregational Women

Annual spring meeting, Wednesday, April 24, Second Congregational church, Greenfield. Mrs. Kenneth Henley, presiding; Mrs. Archie Goodrich, organist.

10:30—Morning session: Service of worship, Mrs. Frances Milnes; reports: secretary, Mrs. Harold Allen; treasurer, Mrs. Clement Durna; auditor, Mrs. Clarence Paye; education, Mrs. Raymond Anderson; friendly service, Mrs. Ruth Clark; missionary promotion, Miss Joy Rose; social action, Miss Margaret Shields; conference center, Miss Ruth McLaughlin; nominating committee, Mrs. Deane Jones; speaker, "A Woman's Faith," Mrs. Thyrd Ferre Bjorn.

12:30—Luncheon.

1:45—Afternoon session: special music, dedication of second mile gift, Miss Joy Rose; installation of officers, Mrs. Naomi Ekdahl; roll call of churches, offering, speaker, "Our Fellowship Overseas,"

Mrs. Naomi Ekdahl; benediction. Autographed copies of Mrs. Bjorn's book, "Papa's Wife," will be on sale during the lunch hour.

Part of the offering will go to St. Mark's Settlement House, Roxbury.

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